

Hohenbrunn, 1954

To the Command of the American Company

H E R E

I, a soldier in the Albanian Company 4000 here, ~~Ajaza Bajrami~~, on September 21, 1954, at 7:00 o'clock on Tuesday, in a room near the arms depot, was beaten by the following, Butka Xhafer, Miloni Branko, Deliana Venemin, Xhafer Kociu, Myrteza Myzyri as well as by others whom I could not distinguish by name because of the blows rained upon me and the blood streaming down my face. This beating began because of the following:

On the date, hour and place above-mentioned, I, along with others on orders to go out for target practice, went to get my rifle at the depot; there Xhafer Butka who dispersed the rifles, asked me for the number of my rifle and I answered, 182. However, without checking this number he informed me that it was not the number of my rifle and that I must go to the office and get the correct number and then return. I followed his instructions and since I do not know how to read I thought I might have made a mistake. I went to the office but it was closed at that hour and I returned to the depot and told him that the office was not yet open and that he must give me the rifle bearing the number I had given him. He told me to wait a little longer until the office opened and again I ~~did~~ did not oppose him but waited for the office to open. After waiting a few minutes I observed that the office was not yet being opened and that my companions were starting out for the target practice field. I went again to the depot and this time he did not ask me for my number but asked me to come closer. Without realizing what he intended to do I approached him and when I had done so he said...here, I will show you the number of your rifle. He seized me by the collar with one hand and with the other struck me in the face. I thought he was joking and laughed. In the meantime, his friends who were behind me began to strike me with blows and with the ends(?) of their rifles until they had covered me with blood. Other persons present ~~xxx~~ during the assault upon me, Captain Isuf Dema, Master Sgt. Neki Kushova, Master Sgt. Ahmet Terpeza, Capt. Kol Hila, Sgt. Kol Luk Nika, Cpl. Ramazan Dalipi and Pvt. Hoxha Fek intervened and saved me from the clutches of those who attacked me.

After it was all over the commander of the Albanian Company arrived and although he saw my face covered with blood, not like the commander of a military force trusted to protect the rights of all equally, he also attacked me. He seized me by the nose and the mouth and as he squeezed my nose and mouth he shouted orders at me not to speak of my rights. He said, don't speak you foul thing or I will crush your teeth. To those chiefly responsible for beating me he did not have the kindness to say even the slightest word. When I saw that even he was against me who had been beaten for no reason at all, I stood very still since I knew I had been badly hurt. I notified the office that I could not go to target practice and remained in bed. Later I asked for medication from the doctors who also did not release the proper report concerning my wounds in order to protect the guilty ones.

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The assault upon me took place just as I have explained. I believe it was premeditated and done because I am a person who is not in agreement with those who have declared themselves against the National Committee for a Free Albania reorganized in November 28, 1953 now in effect and officially recognized by ~~xxxx~~ our Allies, the Anglo-Americans.

This plot against me was verified openly by the support given to the initiators of the attack, the commander of the Albanian Company himself, and by Master Sgt. Venemin Deliana, who spoke to the soldiers at the target practice field and told them, what we did to Ajaz Bajrami was nothing, you will see what we will do later.

I, as an individual beaten by a terrorist group with premeditation and for the purpose of dictatorially weakening persons who have continued to remain close co-workers in the affairs of the great Allies, the Anglo-Americans, remaining in the ranks of the National Committee for a Free Albania as reorganized, am forced to present to the Command my complaint about the attack for the reasons which I have explained and not for discipline. I beg the Command to order the necessary trial so that the matter may have the character of a legal hearing, or else I beg permission to carry this matter to higher ~~xxx~~ authorities.

I close with the conviction that the assault upon me will be examined and that I will be informed of the results.

Soldier of the Company 4000
Bajram Ajazi

P.T.
The Executive Committee of the N.C.F.A.
Rome, Italy

For your information I have sent you the text of the report of the beating I suffered addressed to the Command of the American Company for legal action.

With regards

Bajram Ajazi
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